



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Joichiro EZAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2827

Application No.: 10/540,400

Examiner: C. YOHA

Filed: June 23, 2005

Docket No.: 123600

For: MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE, WRITE CURRENT DRIVE CIRCUIT AND WRITE
CURRENT DRIVING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 4, 2007 Office Action, the shortened period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Applicants graciously acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 5-11, 14, 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of the remaining claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 17-22 under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 14, 25 and 27-32 of Joichiro (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,001). The Office Action also rejects claims 13, 15, 16 and 19-22 in view of claims 1, 16, 22, 25, 27-32 and 35 of Joichiro.

To obviate the rejections, a terminal disclaimer is filed along with this Request for Reconsideration. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn in view of the Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Terminal Disclaimer
Petition for Extension of Time

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